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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, MASS, BC
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE UK ASSISTANCE TO BOTSWANA DEFENSE FORCE

REF: GABORONE 929

1. SUMMARY: UK DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER RAFTERY (ACTING IN CHARGE) CALLED ON EMBASSY MAY 6 TO BRING US UP TO DATE ON DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING POSSIBLE UK ASSISTANCE TO NEWLY CREATED BOTSWANA DEFENSE FORCE (BDF), PARTICULARLY IN ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING. END SUMMARY.

2. RAFTERY SAID HIS HIGH COMMISSIONER HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM GOB THAT UK WAS PREPARED TO OFFER ASSISTANCE IN MILITARY TRAINING AND ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING ADVICE ON EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION. HIGH COMMISSIONER USED OCCASION OF HER FARE-
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WELL CALL ON PRESIDENT TO GIVE HIM THIS MESSAGE. PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY WAS VERY PLEASED BY THIS INFORMATION.

3. RAFTERY MENTIONED THAT MOST FORTUITOUSLY BDF COMMANDER MAJOR GENERAL MERAFHE GOING TO LONDON MAY 8-17, WHERE HE PLANS TO SEE CROWN AGENTS RE UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS FOR HIS FORCES. UK FOREIGN OFFICE WILL

USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF MERAFFE IN DEPTH ON TYPES OF TRAINING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE. REFTEY VOLUNTEERED THAT HE COULD SEE A POSSIBLE SCENARIO CONSISTING OF A TDY VISIT TO BOTSWANA BY AN EVALUATION TEAM, FOLLOWED BY ASSIGNMENT TO BDF OF A SMALL TRAINING MISSION. HE THOUGHT UKG COULD FUND FORMER, BUT FULL TRAINING MISSION MUST BE PAID FOR BY GOB. HE ALSO THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY UKG WOULD PROVIDE MILITARY EQUIPMENT, EXCEPT POSSIBLY TO FACILITATE COMMERCIAL SALES. RAFTEY SAID NO MENTION WAS MADE OF CHINESE ARMS, BUT THAT PRESIDENT AT ONE POINT DID REMARK ON NEED FOR "STANDARDIZATION" IN BDF.

4. COMMENT: WE WELCOME UKG CANDOR WITH US ON THIS SENSITIVE MATTER, AND MOST PARTICULARLY THIS HEARTENING EVIDENCE THAT GOB WOULD PREFER TO RELY ON ITS TRADITIONAL FRIENDS AND ADVISORS FOR TRAINING AND, IF POSSIBLE, FOR EQUIPMENT NEEDS. WE SHALL FOLLOW CLOSELY IN COORDINATION WITH UK COLLEAGUES. END COMMENT.
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